HAKKA SHOUJO SIDE STORY

I START EVERY MORNING DRINKING MISO SOUP A LITTLE GIRL (MY NANNY) MAKES FOR ME.

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IT'S NICE THAT WE CAN FULLY ENJOY OUR MEALS TOGETHER ON A WEEKEND LIKE THIS.
CHIRP CHIRP
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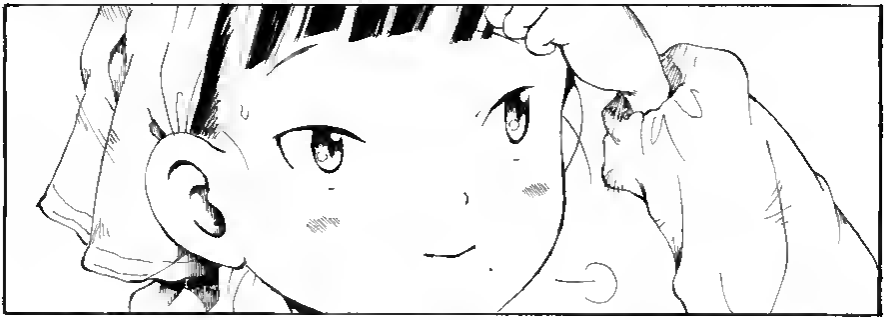
THANKS FOR THE FOOD
YEAH, I KNOW.
YES, INDEED.
OH, AND DON'T FORGET TO HAND ME YOUR DIRTY LAUNDRY SO I CAN PUT IT IN THE WASHER.
SLURP
YEAH, SURE THING.
AND IT'S SO CLEAR OUT, YOU'D NEVER KNOW IT HAD RAINED FOR DAYS.
YES, THIS WEATHER IS A SIGHT FOR SORE EYES.

FLAP
FLAP
RATTLE

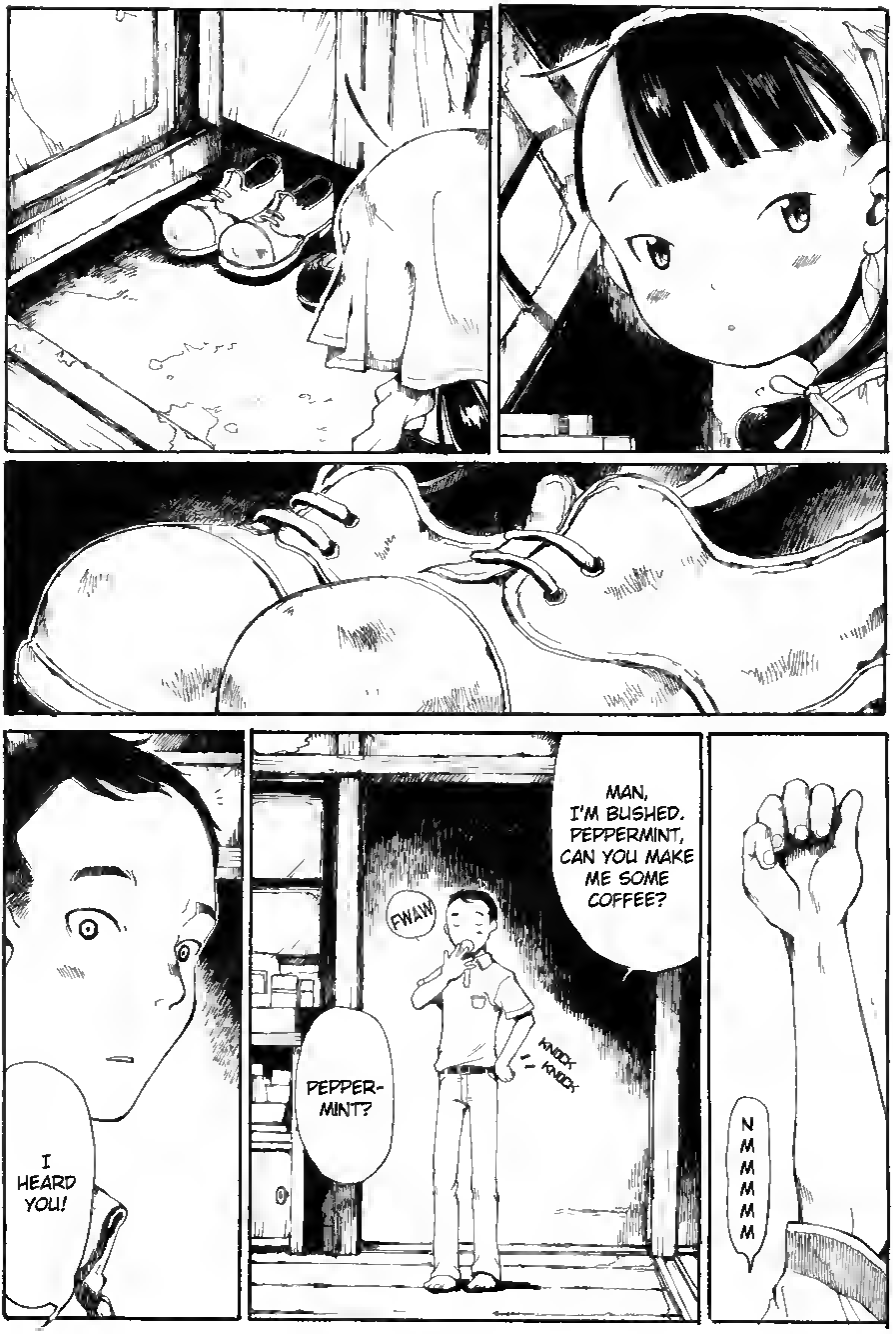
PHEW.
FLAP
FLAP



THERE ARE NO DAYS OFF WHEN IT COMES TO HOUSEWORK.
NOW THEN, TIME TO DO SOME CLEANING.

CLACK

OOPSY DAISY.
JUMP

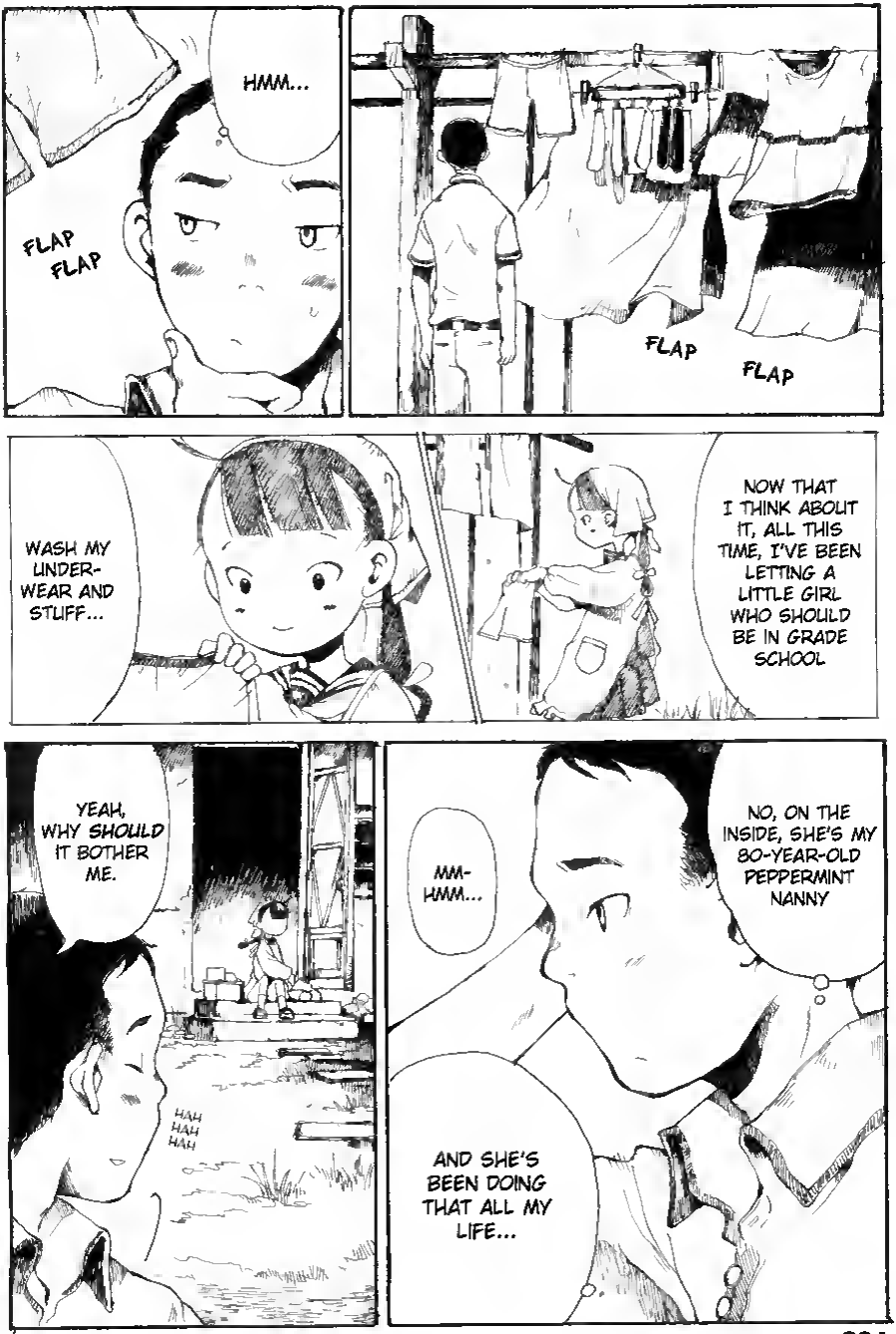

MMMMMM
MAN, I'M BUSHED. PEPPERMINT, CAN YOU MAKE ME SOME COFFEE?
KNOCK KNOCK
FWAW
PEPPER-MINT?
I HEARD YOU!

FORGIVE ME, BUT MY HANDS ARE TIED AT THE MOMENT.
I'M SHINING YOUR SHOES, HON.
CAN'T YOU TELL?
WAIT, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

NOBODY WILL CARE IF THEY'RE STAINED.
AND THESE LEATHER SHOES NEED PLENTY OF CARE.
BESIDES, I CAN'T HAVE YOU DO THAT DIRTY WORK.
HUH? MY SHOES?
THEY ARE QUITE DIRTY FROM ALL THAT RAIN.
HONES-TLY.
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, YOUNG MAN?
THESE SHOES ARE PART OF YOUR COMBAT SUIT YOU WEAR TO WORK EVERY DAY.
IF YOU DON'T DRESS PROPERLY, YOU'LL SET A BAD EXAMPLE FOR YOUR STUDENTS.

BESIDES
POKE..
I WAS THE ONE WHO CHANGED YOUR DIAPERS.
NOT TO MENTION I'VE BEEN WASHING YOUR UNDERWEAR EVERY DAY FOR THE PAST 20-ODD YEARS, SO WHY SHOULD I BE BOTHERED ABOUT YOUR SHOES?

NOTHING ABOUT YOU IS DIRTY IN MY EYES
SWEETIE.
SO RELAX AND LET YOUR NANNY HANDLE THINGS
OKAY?
FLAP
FLAP


HMM...
FLAP FLAP
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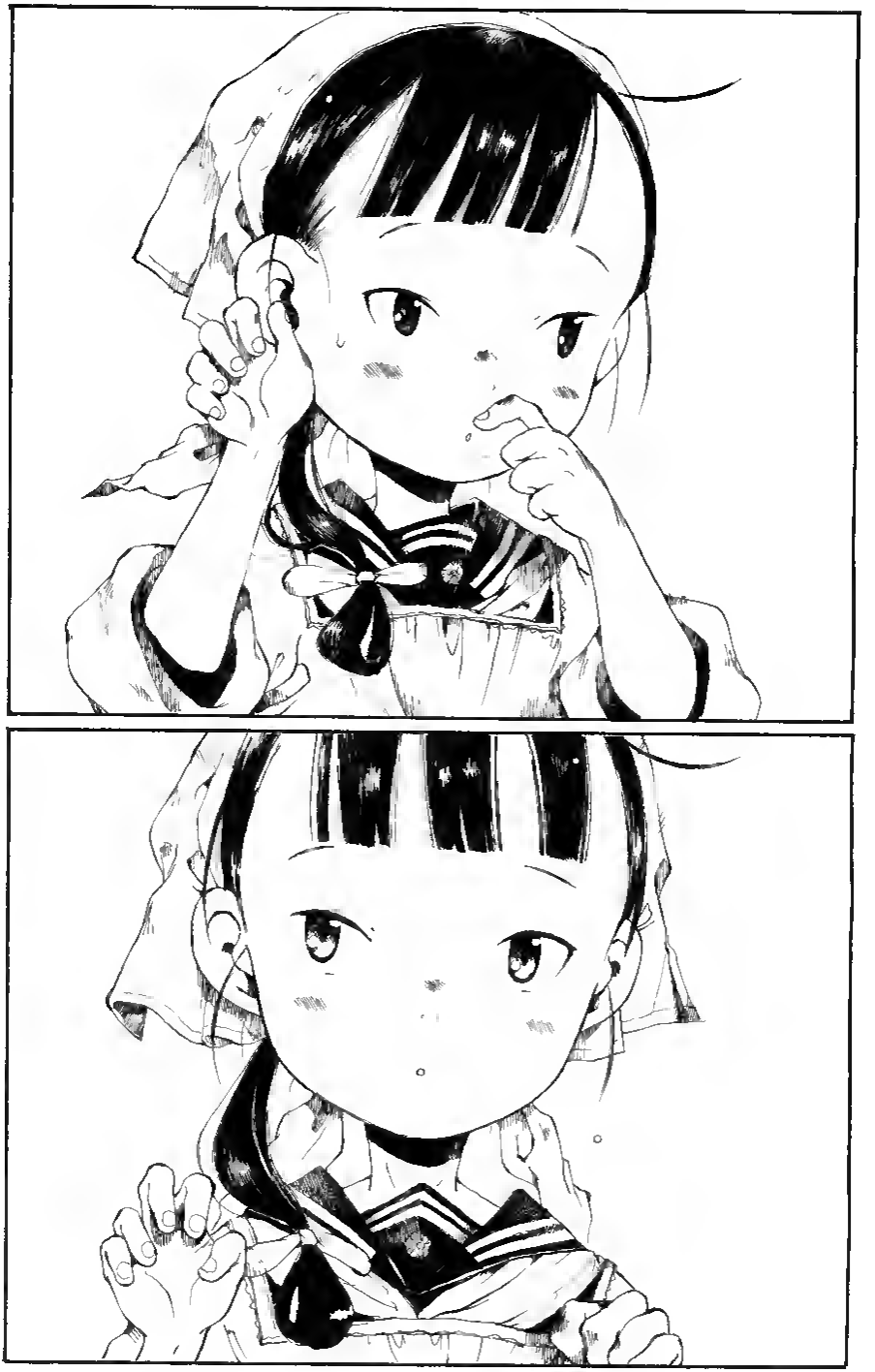
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, ALL THIS TIME, I'VE BEEN LETTING A LITTLE GIRL WHO SHOULD BE IN GRADE SCHOOL
WASH MY UNDER-WEAR AND STUFF...
YEAH, WHY SHOULD IT BOTHER ME.
HAH HAH HAH
MM-HMM...
NO, ON THE INSIDE, SHE'S MY 80-YEAR-OLD PEPPERMINT NANNY
AND SHE'S BEEN DOING THAT ALL MY LIFE...



DON'T WORRY, HONEY.
YOUR NANNY WILL MAKE THESE NICE AND CLEAN FOR YOU.

AH, WHERE ARE YOU GOING, SWEETIE?
I'M... TAKING A SHORT WALK...
WAIT! THAT'S THE CLOTHES-LINE!
CRASH
YOW!
FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE, WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING!
DRIP
SLIP

TAP TAP
CRACK
CRACK
UH, WHAT'S WRONG? ARE YOUR SHOULDERS STIFF?
NO, DEAR.
NOTHING'S GONE STIFF.
IT'S JUST A HABIT I PICKED UP IN MY ADVANCED AGE

AND YET HERE I AM, IN MY CURRENT APPEAR-ANCE.
IT IS TO LAUGH...
SO
PEPPER-MINT...

ZZZZZ
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I SUPPOSE HOUSEWORK IS TOUGH, NO MATTER WHAT AGE YOU ARE.
WELL
ANY-THING FOR YOU, SWEETIE
End
PEPPERMINT NANNY.
GOOD NIGHT